Pending cases in the Guwahati High Court

2554. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases lying pending in the Guwahati High Court on State-wise basis of the North-east States;

(b) the number of judges working at present in the court;

(c) the benches now opened in different States of the North-East Region;

(d) whether there is any provision for opening a new High Court; and

(e) the rate of disposal of pending cases in comparision with other High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The pendency of cases in the Guwahati High Court and its benches as on 30.6.1996 was as follows:

(i) Principal Seat Guwahati High Court	21,909
(ii) Kohima Bench (Nagaland)	236
(iii) Shillong Bench (Meghalaya)	504
(iv) Imphal Bench (Manipur)	6,041
(v) Agartala Bench (Tripura)	3,576
(vi) Aizwal (Mizoram)	270
Total:	32,536

(b) As on 1.3.97, there were 15 permanent/Additional Judges in position in the Guwahati High Court against the sanctioned strength of 18 permanent/Additional Judges.

(c) At present, there are 5 permanent Benches of the Guwahati High Court at Kohima (Nagaland), Aizwal (Mizoram), Imphal (Manipur), Agartala (Tripura) and Shillong (Meghalaya).

(d) There is no move to open a new High Court in the North-Eastern regions.

(e) The percentage of disposal to institution in the Guwahati High Court during the year 1995 was 88.2% as compared to the National Average of 94.5% of all the High Courts.

Functioning of National Academy for Training of Judges

2555. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSITCE be pleased to state:

(a) whehter the National Academy for Training of Judges is functioning properly;

(b) the quantum of money is spent on this purpose annualy;

(c) what are the details of training programmes;

(d) whether any evaluation has since been done in this regard; and

(e) what steps are contemplated to enhance the standard of this academy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (e) The National Judicial Academy was registered, under the Societies Registration Act, with the Registrar of the Societies, Delhi on 17th August, 1993. The Academy is being funded as a Central Project. The Governing Council of the Academy is responsible for its management. The Chairman of the Governing Council is the Chief Justice of India. At present, the office of the Academy is located in Supreme Court premises at New Delhi and has a Director General, a Registrar and some supporting staff. The Academy will be fully operational after its building is completed at Bhopal and its teaching staff is in position.